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1. FRANK A. WEIL, AN ATTORNEY AND FORMER INVESTMENT BANKER, IS ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR INDUSTRY AND TRADE.

2. IN THIS POSITION, MR. WEIL HEADS THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE'S INDUSTRY AND TRADE ADMINISTRATION (ITA), WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED TO PROVIDE GREATER ASSISTANCE TO AMERICAN COMPANIES IN BOTH DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN COMMERCE.

3. MR. WEIL WAS A DIRECTOR AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OF THE INVESTMENT FIRM OF PAINE, WEBBER, JACKSON AND CURTIS, HAVING JOINED THE FIRM IN 1972. PRIOR TO THAT, HE WAS PRESIDENT OF ABACUS FUND, INC., AN INVESTMENT COMPANY, AND A GENERAL PARTNER OF LOEB, RHOADES, & CO., FOR TWELVE YEARS. HE PRACTICED LAW IN NEW YORK CITY FROM 1956 TO 1960. DUR-

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4. IN PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT SERVICE, MR. WEIL HAS BEEN CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON TAXATION OF THE NEW YORK ECONOMIC

DEVELOPMENT BOARD AND CHAIRMAN OF THE NEW YORK STATE BOARD
OF EQUALIZATION AND ASSESSMENT, THE BODY RESPONSIBLE FOR
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5. BORN FEBRUARY 14, 1931, IN BEDFORD, NEW YORK, MR. WEIL
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